ISLESBORO CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. Present were Carole Nichter, Murton Durkee, and Brenda Thomas.

A quorum was established. The minutes from May 3, 2011 were read and accepted as written.

Old Business: Changes to the cemetery ordinance were approved by a public vote effective June 1, 2012. (See attached revised ordinance) All new lots sold at Bayview Cemetery will measure 7X10 feet which will accommodate one full burial or 5 cremations. The total cost for residents will be $500.00 ($150 for lot; $350 for mandatory perpetual care). Nonresidents: Total cost is $1000.00 ($300 for lot; $700 for mandatory perpetual care).

23 headstones in the Sprague and Bayview cemeteries were repaired in June 2012 by W.E. Dornan & Son from Thomaston. More repairs will need to be done in the spring of 2013 in both cemeteries.

New Business: BAYVIEW The front gate at Bayview needs to be replaced. It has been repaired several times and is failing fast. A motion was made to replace the fence, seconded, and vote taken to replace it. Vote passed 3-0 to replace fence. Carole Nichter will contact Cliff Houle, Erik Tierny, and Bob Leach (all do welding) to see if they will submit estimates to do the work. The old wire fencing at the front will also need to be replaced one the main gate is done. Carole will contact Tom Fence in Warren to give an estimate for this work. Tom Fence did the rest of the chain link fence surrounding the cemetery. The large tree within the cemetery at the back needs some major trimming.
Carole Nichter will let the Mark Craig know so the town crew can remove dead and broken branches.

**SPRAGUE** There are many small fir and spruce trees growing up around the outside of the rock wall. These trees need to be removed as they will grow large and cause a lot of damage with the root system later on. Brenda Thomas will contact Cindy Gorham at the school to see if they can coordinate this as a project with the school kids as a public service project.

The erection of a flag pole at Sprague was discussed. Bayview Cemetery already has one. A motion was made to purchase a flag pole with a solar lite built in and for Murton Durkee to research costs, types, sizes, etc. Motion was seconded and vote of 3-0 passed. Pole will be erected in the spring when the ground is ready.

A vote was taken to place two christmas wreaths at Bayview and Sprague. Vote passed 3-0. Cindy Gorham will purchase and place wreaths.

**BUDGET** Needs for the cemeteries were discussed by the committee and it was decided we will request $2500.00 for the next years’ budget amount. More stone and dirt work needs to be done in both cemeteries, flagpole at Sprague, and new fence and gate at Bayview. A motion was made to request $2500.00, motion was seconded and vote passed 3-0. Bill Boardman will present this request at the spring budget meetings as Carole Nichter will be out of the state.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** A motion was made to keep the same officers for 2013-2014. Seconded and voted 3-0 for Carole Nichter, Chairperson and Cindy Gorham Vice-Chair.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Nichter-Chairperson